

# Charity helping the homeless swamped with gifts and cash from Star readers

KIND-hearted **Star** readers have By LOUISE SASSOON responded magnificently to our appeal to help Harlow's only homeless charity by giving thousands of pounds worth of dona-

The campaign to help Streets2Homes, which is facing a financial battle to keep going, is only in its fourth week but has already generated huge amounts of support.

People have been giving food, clothing, bedding, cash and cheques which have been handed in to the charity's base in Wych Elm and the Star's office in West

Manager Patsy Dye said more than £1,000 worth of cheques had been handed in to the centre in the past seven days News Editor sassoonl@hertsessexnews.co.uk

alone. "I have always held in high regard the community of Harlow and I am really proud of the community in which I live,"

Among the many donations the charity has received are a cheque for £500 from the pupils of Passmores School, money from a Year 7 pupil of Stewards School who emptied his penny jar and and £5 from the pension of an elderly couple.

Mrs Dye said the charity had also been presented with televisions and other items including matting and blankets from Ripped Gym in Wych Elm.

"A big thank you for ensuring the home-less feel loved," she added.

Charity patron Robert Halfon said he was overwhelmed by the kindness of the public, especially given the fact most are feeling the affects of the credit crunch.

"People are putting the homeless before themselves and it really is a tribute to everybody in Harlow," he said. "I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Streets2Homes, the only charity of its kind in Harlow to offer practical support and advice to those who come through its doors six days a week, still needs more

support.
It costs around £34,000 a year to stay open and relies heavily on donations from the public.

To make a donation, drop into the **Star** office at 6 West Gate or call Mrs Dye on (01279) 430011.

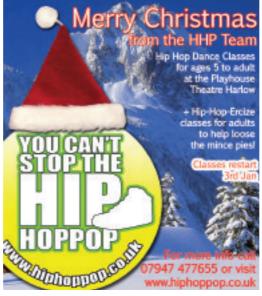


## **Children celebrating** the joy of Christmas

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## Essex 'failing in childcare duty

ESSEX County Council is failing in its duty of care to protect schoolchildren, according to Harlow MP Bill Rammell.

Citing Ofsted's Annual Performance Assessment which last week called Essex's work to safeguard children 'inadequate', Mr Rammell said it was time for County Hall to face up to its responsibilities.

"This demonstrates that Essex is failing children in the county," he said. "I first made representations on this last year when this issue was brought to my attention by Harlow schools and I wrote to the county council with case studies demonstrating where their service had proven woefully inadequate. Ofsted's assessment deemed four areas to be providing inadequate children's services overall, and a further five areas - including

Essex – as providing inadequate safeguarding services. A county council spokesman said it acknowledges the report's conclusions and is continuing to rectify areas of weakness.

### Drugs pair must wait for sentence

TWO men who admitted possessing £1,300 worth of cocaine with intent to supply are due to be sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court next

Darren Mills (30) and Patrick Orange (28), both of Rushes Mead Harlow will return to court on January 19 to learn their fate.

## Community in fine voice for concert



HUNDREDS of red-cheeked residents braved the cold on Sunday evening for a cracker of a community carol concert.

Organised by Harlow Rotary Club and held in Market Square, the event saw youngsters from William Martin Junior School sing a selection of seasonal favourites accompanied by Harlow Concert Band.

Rotary club member John Wright said: "We wanted to bring the whole community together for Christmas and, considering this was the first time we've put on such a concert, it was a great success."

# bulance ordeal for niured OAP

A PENSIONER had to endure a freez- By LOUISE SASSOON ing wait in the street when an ambulance took two hours to get to her.

Alzheimer's sufferer Gladys Marshall (88), of Long Ley, Harlow, went missing from her home and was found later in the afternoon complaining of a painful knee by a

passer-by who called for an ambulance.
But although an early-response paramedic car
was on the scene quickly, an ambulance took two
hours to arrive because crews were busy dealing with other calls

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Ambulance chiefs have apologised for what they described as an isolated incident.

Mrs Marshall's neighbour Pamela Lewin said: We were sitting there with her and a man who had driven past earlier said he couldn't believe we were still waiting

"If it wasn't for the quilts that people came out and gave her she would have been frozen. I was scared she was going to die of hypother-

mia."

An East of England Ambulance Service spokeswoman said a paramedic responded to the incident within the 19-minute target set for that category of emergency.

She added: "The service in Harlow and the surrounding area was suffering from a high number of calls that day.

"We are very sorry that this patient faced the wait which she did and would certainly value the opportunity to speak with anyone concerned about her welfare.

"It was an isolated incident for which we are very sorry.'



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# Extending help to the disabled

A CHARITY is calling for volunteers to help provide a service offering independence and confidence to disabled people in the district.

The Essex Coalition of Disabled People is branching out into Harlow and West Essex after gaining lottery funding.

But to do so it needs to recruit a new legion of volunteers to help it succeed in its mission to reach out to the disabled.

ECDP will be joining forces with Rainbow Services and the Voluntary Services Forum, both based in Harlow, to launch a new initiative called The Independent Visiting Scheme which is aimed at anyone over the age of 18.

The volunteers will offer friendship and a helping hand to disabled people who have previously shied away from contact to gain the confidence they need to start living life to the full again.

EDCP area co-ordinator Tony Purcell said: "This scheme helps to empower and support local disabled people. Quite often our clients become volunteers after the help they have received."

The charity, run by disabled people for disabled people, is dedicated to helping the 16 per cent of the county's population who are disabled in one way or another.

"It could help give clients the confidence to do simple things, for example like getting on

the bus to go for a haircut," said Mr Purcell. "After that we hope that they are then able to do these things of their own.

"A lot of people do not know that we exist. I hope this scheme will encourage them to take part in community life."

For more information on gaining help or to offer your services as a volunteer, send an email to tpurcell@ecdp.org.uk

## Festive family fun



CHRISTMAS came early for more than 50 lucky children who were treated to a slap-up meal and a visit from Santa

Pitney Bowes, in the Pinnacles, joined forces with the charity Harlow Homestart for the fourth year running to treat young families to the festive feast.

The youngsters tucked into chicken nuggets and jelly and ice cream before they were visited by Santa who handed out toys bought

with money kindly donated by staff at the company.

## Age concerned

A CHARITY is calling upon Harlow's residents to donate their unwanted Christmas gifts and wardrobe cast-offs in a bid to replenish stock.

Staff at the Age Concern shop in West Gate have noticed over the past few weeks that not as many people have been donating clothing and bric-a-brac, which it relies on to raise funds

An Age Concern spokeswoman said: "We have had some good items but things have slowed down recently. We would like any good quality clothing or bric-a-brac to sell."

## Party pleasure

THE hosts of an awards party held to celebrate the sporting achievements of children with special needs have said they were happy to have helped supported the event.

Best Parties Ever catered and supplied the venue for the annual Presidents Sporting Club lunch which was held at North Weald Airfield earlier this month.

The event gave the youngsters the chance to rub shoulders with sporting celebrities including former world heavyweight boxing champion Frank Bruno and Olympic silver medal winning rowing cox Acer Nethercott

## **Public flock to community** centre's life-size nativity



A LIFE-size nativity scene has been proving a hit with the residents of Harlow.

Hundreds of people visited the Church Langley Community Centre to see the seasonal arrangement which took over the chapel area of the hall as

part of a project to spread the word about the true meaning of Christmas.

Pictured in the nativity with the Rev Tim Voltzenlogel are 'angels' Phoebe Johnson, *left*, and Sian Kearney.

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# £4m windfall to aid regeneration

HOUSING and infrastructure By LOUISE SASSOON projects in Harlow are set to News Editor benefit from an extra £4m Government windfall.

Housing minister Margaret Beckett announced the cash injection as part of the latest Growth Areas Funding Scheme.

Although it is not yet known how the money will be spent, it is likely to be focused on further infrastructure projects, as well as paving the way for regenerating a number of key housing estates.

The cash, awarded to the London-Harlow-Stansted Partnership, led by

Harlow Council and including Harlow

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Renaissance plus four other local authorities, has been welcomed by the town's political leaders who have been working on a cross-party basis for five years to meet regeneration needs and attract

Government and private sector funding. It comes on the back of substantial It comes on the back of substantial Government grants already awarded to the town, including £9.9m towards regenerating Potter Street, Clifton Hatch, Staple Tye and Old Harlow work which is currently ongoing – as well as £7m in 2007 to go towards projects to improve electricity infragranting provide eco and older

structure, provide eco and older people's housing, and develop a traffic model for Harlow dubbed

traffic model for Harlow dubbed an important stepping stone to securing investment for a bypass. Speaking about the latest grant, council leader Andrew Johnson said: "We are delighted to receive this funding against such tough competition. However, we do need much more to meet our infrastruc-ture needs and the council and its partners will continue to press for

"Regenerating Harlow is of enormous importance to the council but will also require on-going investment and commitment from the Government and private sector

"Harlow Council is proud to be taking the lead on such important work for the region but it's recognition of the strength of the Partnership that we've been successful."



# not-so-silent night

MUMS and midwives met up for a Christmas carol singalong at the Sure Start children's centre in Harlow

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of mums, who gave birth during the past year, sang a selection of traditional songs and enjoyed mince pies and tea.

Chris Remfry, who works at the children's centre, said: "It was great to have the mums back

Christmas day as there are a lot of babies due!"



# Midwives set for a

Jane Walker, who organised the event, played the guitar while a choir

here.

"The midwives will definitely be working on For local and national news and sport www.harlowstar.co.uk

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## Police ask shoppers for their wish lists

CHRISTMAS shoppers have been telling police what they want to see from the county force next year

by filling in wish lists Essex Police Authority's

'All I Want For Christmas...' campaign stopped off at Harlow's Harvey Centre where around 75 people filled in a list stating the top three things they

expect from the police next bies on the beat.

year.

The list included quicker

a further response times, a further crackdown on anti-social behaviour and more bob-

However, many said they were totally satisfied with the service they already received and therefore had

# Survey seeks parking relief

A MAJOR study seeking to By LOUISE SASSOON combat parking problems in News Editor housing estates in Harlow is under way in a move which could see developers having to provide more spaces per household.

Council chiefs have posted questionnaires to thousands of residents living in The Dashes and The Hides, asking them what they think could be done to improve the situation.

Residents throughout the town are

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also being asked to send in their ideas to councillors via email.
Information gathered will

information gathered will go towards improving parking in the town and could even see councillors push for changes to the Lord Electrical and the Lord push for changes to the Local Plan, which currently states developers have to provide only 1.5 spaces per unit for new developments.

Linda Pailing, chairman of the council's scrutiny committee which is undertaking the review, said it could also result in parking restrictions and

residents parking bays.

"We are not looking for horrendously expensive options because there is not the funding, but we want to find out what can be done to improve problems in the town," she

"At the moment, all we can do is recommend to another committee that they take action."

She said most households have 2-3

cars and that the committee could push for the local plan to be changed,

depending on the feedback given.

Results of the consultation are expected to be collated by next April.

## **Petition calling** for job security

A PETITION calling on the Government to safeguard thousands of threatened jobs in two struggling High Street retailers has been signed by more than 200 Harlow residents

Initiated by the Socialist Worker newspaper on behalf of staff facing redundancy from Woolworths and MFI, which both have stores in the town, the petition challenges the Prime Minister to nationalise firms which cannot guarantee jobs

It also calls on trades unions to mount protests to ensure there is "no return to 1980s-style unemployment", insisting 1980s-style unemployment", insisting higher taxes for top earners could help fund a jobs bailout.

However, Harlow MP Bill Rammell said the Government is already taking steps to help employees facing redundancy in the New Year, adding: "The demise of compa-nies like Woolworths and MFI is devastating news for shop staff, many of whom have worked in the stores for many years.

"The Government is seeking to protect ordinary working people from the ravages of the international economic downturn whilst the Tories would just let the recession rip.

## Debbie's change of luck

A MUM-of-two plagued by bad luck has been given a boost after winning a haul of goodies. Debbie Ellis (28), of Joyners Field, Harlow, was made redundant last month. Then, last weekend, her car broke down twice in rush-hour

But just when she was thinking she would have a rotten

Christmas, she was picked as the winner of a Harvey Centre competition.

Among the gifts donated by the centre's stores were shopping vouchers worth more than £200, a Marks & Spencer turkey and a tree from Wilkinson's.

"This is perfect," she said. "I

hadn't bought my turkey but we already had our tree so I'm giving this one to my nan, whose house caught fire last week.

"It seems like bad luck has run in our family for the past few months, but not anymore!" In the spirit of the season, Mrs Ellis said she would be sharing her prizes with her son Kaiden (5) and daughter Tiana

**Harvey Centre** manager Bryan Young, pictured presenting Mrs Ellis with her prizes, said: "We are delighted to be supporting a local family and thank all of our shoppers for their support over the past

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JEROUNDS: Pupils were treated to festive visitors in the shape of Father Christmas and one of his reindeer when he dropped into the Pyenest Road

during his last few days off before his big night. Children told him what they wanted and also got to stroke his four-legged helper.



CHURCH LANGLEY: Pupils sang their hearts out for charity with renditions of Christmas carols outside Sainsbury's in Fifth Avenue, Harlow

Shoppers were treated to festive favourites such as *The 12 Days* 

of Christmas and Silent Night from a 20-strong choir aged 9-

About £400 was raised for Littlehaven's Children's Hospice from this and other charity

# **Joy of Christmas**



ST ALBAN'S: Youngsters celebrated Christmas in their own way when they performed their own version of A Christmas Carol. The festive show, involving the whole school, combined aspects from both A Christmas Carol and The Sound of Music, alongside elements of a traditional nativity.

Teacher Janet Price said: "It all went very well: we had lots of positive feedback from parents.



SUNFLOWER DAY NURSERY: Toddlers were treated to a special Christmas visit from two reindeer from Pets Corner as part of their annual Christmas celebrations. Deputy manager Rachel

Blackwell said: "They really enjoyed it. This was the first vear we have done something like this and we hope to do it again next year.'

Pictured, above, is Verity Thorpe introducing Grace to a visitor.





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# festivity



**ABBOTSWELD:** Infants put in a convincing performance when they added their own modern twist to a traditional nativity play, introducing rock and classical music while centring the story on Joseph, *above*. Meanwhile, children in Year 4 wowed audiences with their version of the story, *right*, breaking tradition at the end to lead the audience in a rendition of *Merry Christmas Everybody* by Slade.

The school raised more £200 from the event for Great Ormond Street Hospital, where one of its pupils is receiving treatment.





#### **LEAPFROG NURSERY:**

Children got into the Christmas spirit when they staged a show of singing, acting and dancing. Toddlers sang Christmas carols around the Christmas tree while the older ones put their acting ability to the test with a nativity

play. Nursery nurse Nikki Dye said: "They all did really well! They were all very interested in throwing the straw about the stage!"



**ST LUKE'S:** Pupils got caught up in the Christmas cheer during their annual school Christmas performance.

All year groups got involved as the school stuck to the traditional side of things with A

Stable Story, performed in a hall packed with parents. Literacy subject leader Sharon Brand said: "It was lovely, absolutely lovely. It all went to plan, apart from a musical hitch!"











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# Fact Range

NAME: Joseph (member 536) DATE OF BIRTH: December 27, 1999 ADDRESS: Rushes Mead,

SCHOOL: William Martin Junior

HOBBIES: Playing computer games, wrestling DISLIKES: Children's television **FAVOURITE TV: WWE FAVOURITE FOOD:** 

LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Vegetables FAVOURITE BOOK: The Harry Potter series FAVOURITE MUSIC: Good Charlotte

Oliver (11) PETS: A lizard called Giz, two rats called Theo and Fergus, a cat called Bertie and a dog called Affie. WANTS TO BE: A computer programmer

FAMILY: Older brother

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## **Happy Birthday**

Rohan (member 222), of Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, is 10.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Ben (member 380), of The Hides, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. Jack (member 376), of Campbell Close,

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Elisa (member 011), of Fennels, Harlow, and Tia (member 288), of are both 11

#### **BOXING DAY**

Yasmin (member 805), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, and Cameron (member 777), of Abbotsweld, Harlow, are both 9: Ca (member 364), of

#### Risdens, Harlow, is 7 **SATURDAY**

Joseph (member 536), of Rushes Mead, Harlow, is 9; Alex (member 381), of Westbury Rise, Harlow, 8; Morgan (member 666), of Holmes Meadow, Harlow, is 5

#### **MONDAY**

Liam (member 350), of Shawbridge , Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. Jessica (member 136), of Moorfield, Harlow, is 11; Lily Rose (member 507). of Purford Green, Harlow, is 6

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COKER. Edith (Lily).

Passed away peacefully
at Princess Alexandra
Hospital on 15th
December 2008 aged
99. Loving mum to
Janet, Rosemary and
Ruth, will always be in
our thoughts.

#### STAN COOK

assed away peacefull n 19th December 200 aged 86 years. Loving father to san and Grandfather to Jayne

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#### RICKY MANIFOLD

Dearly loved son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and nephew.

Sadly passed away on Saturday 13th December 2008, deeply regretted.

Requim mass at Holy Cross church at 11.00am on Monday 29th December 2008, followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Flowers or donations if desired made payable to 'Locke Ward, Princess Alexandra Hospital" can b sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex. CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

#### **BERNIE SMITH**

Peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hosp on December 18th 2008, aged 87 year e dear Mum of Steve and Ken, Mother in Law to te and Sarah and a wonderful and loving Nan to Phil and Marianne.

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FREDA

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DOROTHY

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both always be in
our thoughts.
Love you both.
Diana, Ray, Craig,
Ashton

## HAYWARD

MUM & DAD  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}$  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}$ 

When thoughts go back as they always do, we treasure the memories we have of you.

Thinking of you at Christmas and on your Birthdays.

Love and miss you. Eileen, Bernie, Sandra & Manuel

#### In Memoriam

DEAN. Remembering your birthday Christmas Day darling. My love always, Sylvia.

DEAN. Noel. Missing you Dad especially your birthday Christmas Day. Love you Dad. Neville. Shine On.

Noe1 DEAN. Remembering your birthday Grandad. Love and miss you. Angela, Kimberley and great grandchildren.

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of our beloved
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Grandmother, died
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and Grandfather,
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Your loving wife Dolly (Mrs Smith) xx \*\*\*\*\*\*

SMYTH. Charles Edward. 28-12-2007 Grandad. It's been a year since you passed away. You're in my thoughts everyday and I still see your smile. I'll never forget I had a Grandad like you, I'll never forget you. Love from your grandaughter. from your grandaughter Tracy, Nicky, grand-children Joshua, Jocasta, Jayeda. xxxxx

SMYTH. Charles. 2812-07 Dear Grandad.
Remembering you each
& everyday, but especially 28-12-08. It's a
year since you left us &
it would have been your
88th Birthday. Still can
hear your voice, still
can see your smile.
Gone but never ever
forgotten. Sleep tight
Grandad. Love Donna
& Chris. xxx & Chris. xxx

SMYTH. Charles. 28-12-2007 "Our Wonderful Dad" One Wonderful Dad" One year has now passed. We all love and miss you so much. We will never forget you. You will be in our hearts forever: God bless you Dad. R.I.P. Love your everloving children Jacqueline, Carol, John, Lyn, son-in-law Mick. xxxxxx

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SMYTH. Charles. 28-12-2007 "Special Grandad" A year has passed. Love and miss you every day, the hap-piness you gave, never ever forget you Grandad. In my heart forever. Everloving grandson Jason xx grandson Jason. xx

SMYTH. Grandad. 28-12-07 To our Great Grandad. Happy Birthday Grandad. Miss our chats & laughs with you. Lots of love, Scott, Brooke & Beau. xxx

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**Birthdays** 

## Memories

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Love always from all the family

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HODGSON. Brian.
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Beryl xx

Beryl xx

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Sec. 25. KIM ELIZABETH SMITH

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Lisa, Sonia, Nikki, Tina, John, David, Daniel, Victoria xxx

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and family

Love Maureen

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To a dear Grandson.

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#### SÉAMUS O'BRIEN

Happy 21st



Love Mum, Sid,

#### MICK BIRD

Happy 60th hubby on the 28th, have a good weekend.



Lots of love, Chris xxxx

# EVIE

## BULGEN

Happy 1st Birthday to our lovely granddaughter.

Lots of love from Nanny, Grandad, Auntie Jenny and **Uncle Chris** 

#### Happy 18th Christmas Day



love and kisses, Nan and Grandad.



#### **LEWIS DEAMER**

Happy 18th Christmas Day To a fantastic son Love you always, Mum, Dad and Tom

#### Happy 16th Birthday DANNI



Hope your day is as special as you. Love you always, Mummy & Nan

# **IODIE** RĬCHARDS

Happy 21st Birthday on 27th December

#### **Anniversaries**

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## TALL TALES SPIN **INTO REALITY**

Adam Sandler takes a read on the wild side

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# Pro panto offers fun but no real surprises

#### **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS**

New Pantomime Productions, The Playhouse, Harlow

EVERYONE loves a good panto and Harlow has always had a strong tradition in the field, once boasting the biggest community production of its kind in the country.

But this year the recipe has been drastically changed, with the first professional production being staged at The Playhouse. Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs benefited from the strong presence of former Gladiator Mark Griffin (aka Trojan) and former EastEnders actress Michelle Gayle, and there was much here for the family to enjoy in this classic Brothers Grimm fairytale.

However, those expecting a smooth, seamless production will find themselves let down.

The opening chorus number was frankly embarrassing, as the mimed singing really undermined the lively choreography of Lizzy Dillon.

The entrance of Sean Luckham as Dame Sarah Spoilit did little to raise the tone, with Luckham's voice being pitched far too low to really make him sound ridiculous enough. He was far too restrained, there was barely any ad-lib and he was often upstaged by the bumbling buffoon Muddles, played by Jamie Wilson.

Wilson's rapport with the audience was much more immediate, but it's hard to escape the feeling that he resented his role somewhat. His groan-worthy gags were delivered with little conviction and at one point he even turned to a dour-faced audience member with: "You might as well leads to be a somewhat with the somew well laugh, luv, you've lost your money now. Fortunately, from here onwards the show got into its stride. Filipa Jeronimo's evil Queen Malevola was greeted with a powerful chorus of boos, and her performance was strong throughout.

The most professional performance in the cast,



however, came from the title character played by Rosanna Miles, who did not put a foot wrong. Her Snow White was sweetness and light from start to finish and she really earned the sympathy of the young audience of schoolchildren.

Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs was a production with no real surprises and quite a few

Ultimately, it fulfilled its tagline as a magical family pantomime and if you are looking for a fun way to distract the kids over the holidays, then you won't be disappointed – but if you're expecting anything out of the ordinary, you will.

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#### SUNDAY

Put on your thinking caps because it's time for the end of year quiz. Admission is free.

#### gig guide

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# Theatre welcomes fourth manager this year

THE management merry-go-round at The Playhouse continued this week following the appointment of the venue's fourth manager in less than a vear.

Scott Ramsay, who has held posts with The Royal Shakespeare Company, The National Theatre and Crewe Lyceum among others in a career spanning more than 20 years, takes the reins from Paul Griffiths following his resignation for family reasons.

Mr Ramsay now becomes the theatre's third manager since the controversial departure of long-standing boss Phil Dale in January, who handed in his resignation days after returning from a

six-week suspension.

He was replaced by Mr Griffiths in March, who surprised the council by announcing his resignation just two months into the new job following the sudden death of his sister.

His replacement, Paul Maurel, was appointed in July, but heaped further embarrassment onto Harlow Council by quitting his post before fully taking over. Mr Griffiths was then persuaded to stay at the helm until October to allow the authority to search for a new manager a process which has now concluded with the appointment of Mr Ramsey. Councillor Eddie Johnson, chairman of the council's environment and

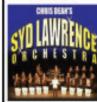
community committee, said Mr Ramsay's appointment would ensure The Playhouse "continues to go from strength to strength".

"We are very pleased to welcome Scott to Harlow," he said. "He brings with him extensive knowledge of performing arts and 20 years experience of working in the theatre industry.

'Scott joins the theatre at a busy time, with the pantomime season just beginning. This appointment is part of the council's commitment to providing a first-class Playhouse theatre and we are confident he will ensure the facility continues to go from strength to strength."



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# Stories crossing the line to add a twist to reality

#### **BEDTIME STORIES**

certificate PG, running time 1h 39m

#### ADAM Sandler stars in this feelgood family movie about stories that come with an unexpected twist in the tale.

He plays Skeeter Bronson, an unassuming hotel handyman who delights in spinning bedtime varns to his niece and nephew.

But his life - and theirs - is changed forever when the stories start to come true in the real

After the kids throw in random ideas such as an adventure ending in a shower of sweets, Skeeter later realises (as he stands in a hail of gumballs) that the power must come from them.

Naturally, Skeeter's keen to use the gift to enrich the family via randomly dropped-in windfall

But the children have other ideas and it's their outlandish contributions that turn everybody's lives upside down.

Don't come looking for subtlety, but Sandler's broad and bawdy style is perfectly suited to this kind of knockabout adventure as Skeeter finds himself hurled from one storybook situation to another.



## also on release



**AUSTRALIA** 

certificate 12A, running time 2h 45m

HOLLYWOOD A-list Aussie ex-pats Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman, pictured above, star in this epic of romance and action set on the brink of the Second World War.

English aristocrat Lady Sarah Askley (Kidman) travels to the faraway continent after inheriting a vast

Once there, she meets and, naturally, eventually falls for rough-hewn local chap Drover (Jackman) and reluctantly agrees to join forces with him to save her land.

Together they embark on a journey, driving 2,000 head of cattle across hundreds of miles of the world's most beautiful but most starkly unforgiving terrain, only to end up facing the bombing of Darwin by the same Japanese forces that attacked Pearl Harbour.

#### still showing

#### THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

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#### Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

# In the dark world of a family from Hell

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Philip Larkin observed "They \*\*\*\* you up, your mum and dad/They may not mean to, but they do" and nowhere is it more true than in this grim, brutal and relentlessly harrowing British film loosely inspired by the exploits of Gloucester serial killers and Fred and Rosemary West.

Lena (a very convincing Olga Fedori) is a young Polish immigrant cleaning at Heathrow Airport, befriended and taken home by co-worker Birdie (Ainsley Howard) after missing her bus one night.

Once inside the bland house at the end of the runway, she's knocked unconscious, drugged and imprisoned to become the tormented plaything of to become the formented plaything of sadistic Mum (Dido Miles) and psychotic Dad (Perry Benson), discovering that failure to please the former means being delivered into the frenzied hands of the latter.

Birdie's just another victim like her, one who – along with mute Elbie (Toby Alexander) – has earned the deranged couple's trust and yet lost herself in a version of Stockholm Syndrome.

Writer/director Steven Sheil does an accomplished job of keeping the focus of this nasty suburban nightmare on Lena's plight and doesn't resort to wallowing exploitatively in the atrocities. A word of warning,



however – he doesn't flinch from them either, and at times it's nigh-on unbearable

It's as if Mike Leigh made a horror It's as if Mike Leigh made a horror film, or a British response to Henry: Portrait Of A Serial Killer (but without that film's disturbing moral blankness); this is a genuinely disturbing and, at times, sickening film, not something you'd watch for entertainment but more that you experience on a much rawer. experience on a much rawer emotional level.

Mum & Dad serves also as a sobering riposte to the unfortunately all-too-commonplace Hollywood treatment of serial killers; these creatures are not 'cool' Chianti-sipping, cultured

intellectuals with a penchant for elaborate psychological games of cat and mouse – they're simply dull, lumpen, broken machines grinding their way through grisly, dysfunctional routines and chewing up lives in the

The cast here do an amazing job, to the extent that it sometimes feels more like watching a documentary; Miles and Benson in particular give performances of distressing realism. Only at the climax is a wrong note sounded with a spot of wish-fulfilment more at home in *The Hills Have Eyes*, but it's a forgivable slip and, to be honest, almost a welcome one

# **DEATH NOTE: L - CHANGE THE WORLD** (4Digital Asia, 15, retail)

The first two live action *Death Note* movies were great fun, focusing on a deadly battle of wits between an amoral teenager with the power to kill remotely by naming his victims in a death god's book and the shadowy sleuth L who stands against him. In the end, L wins - but only by writing his own name in the notebook and pre-ordaining his death in 23 days It's a masterstroke that for this last sequel, *Ringu* director Hideo Nakata and his writers leave the deadly books alone and focus instead on quirky, confectionary-obsessed reclusive L (Ken'ichi Matsuyama).

Alone after the demise of his aide Watari, L spends his final days clearing a backlog of minor cases until he's drawn into a race against time by what appears to be an extremist environmental group hell-bent on unleashing a lethal new strain of the ebola virus to destroy mankind. With the story switching from horror film to thriller, L is inexorably teased

from his intellectual seclusion into a more hands-on engagement with the world, even as time approaches to leave it. Exhilarating, smart and, oddly, very touching.

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A second disc of extras includes a making-of, interviews, promotional events, trailers and photo gallery.

Star rating: \*\*\*\*

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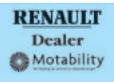
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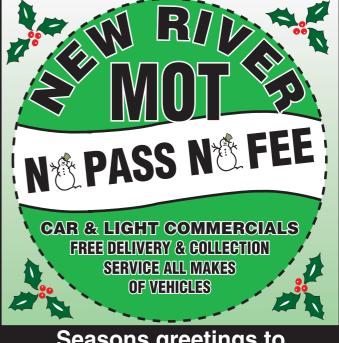
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## Hawks lose two men and then the match

THE Hawks paid the price in more ways than one as they had two men sent off when they lost against 10-man Margate.

Margate were already winning 3-0 when Harlow Town midfielder Leon Lalite was sent off on 80 minutes for a foolish lunge at substitute Aaran Ouain.

A minute later Quain went off for a second bookable offence, a foul on player/boss Ryan Kirby. Hawks defender Danny Chapman was given his marching orders on 85 minutes for a second bookable offence, a late challenge.

Chapman will miss two games as also has five other bookings. Lalite will miss at least three beginning at Dartford on January

Striker Raphael Sylvester (work experience from Leyton Orient) came on as a substitute at

Margate 3, Harlow Town 0 (Ryman League, premier division)

Margate. New loan signings from Southend United Kyle Asante (substitute) and Craig Calver also played.

Margate went ahead in first half stoppage time when a quick counterattack resulted in Mo Takalobigashi running through to smash the ball home. The issue was settled by two well-taken goals from Margate's Richard Shittu on 67 and 77 minutes. Harlow host AFC Hornchurch this Saturday.

HARLOW TOWN: Hasell, Taylor (Hollenbach 82), Holding, Chapman (sent off 85), Kear, Kirby, Lalite (sent off 80), Green, Richards, Calver (Sylvester 65), Okojie (Asante 74). Sub not used: Williams.



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# Kirby sacked rom Hawks

GLEN Alzapiedi has been appointed the new first team manager at Harlow Town.

The 44-year-old ex-Ware boss joined the Hawks after chairman Simon Morgan sacked player/boss Ryan Kirby.

Kirby's dismissal came after Harlow's losing sequence continued with a 3-0 defeat at Margate on Saturday, leaving them 19th in the Ryman League premier divi-

"This is a good challenge for me," said Alzapiedi. "The priority this season is just to survive in this league and that is achievable.

"I am bringing in players who can have an effect. The players at Harlow have nothing to fear if they like quick-passing football



**GLEN ALZAPIEDI** 

and are able to do it."

The new Hawks boss was forced to resign over apparent budget cuts at Ryman League Division One North club Ware 12



**RYAN KIRBY** 

ago after guiding the Wodson Park club to third spot. Alzapiedi will have Matt Allen

as his number two. His new signings from Ware include former Harlow striker John Frendo, for-ward Chris Ellerbeck, midfielder Sam Berry and central defender Laurie Stewart. Kirby, who has coupled play-

ing and managing for 25 months, guided Harlow to promotion from Ryman Division One North at the end of the 2006/07 season, as well as to the first round of the FA Cup this term.

He said: "I am bitterly disap-

pointed. It is a bad run of results The players are more than good enough and getting it right. I knew I would have turned it around."

Morgan said: "We are in a poor position and the brief for Glen is to get us out of it and to help the club push forward.

"The club would like to thank Ryan for his services and everyone at Barrows Farm wishes him

# Weakened Rams go down to heavy defeat

Saffron Walden 29. Harlow 3

(London Div three north east)

A WEAKENED Rams side lost a vital four-point clash when they went down to a heavy defeat at Saffron Walden. Saturday's result leaves Harlow sec-

ond from bottom after Mersea Island

ond from bottom after Mersea Island leapfrogged them by beating Braintree. Walden, whose speedy backs proved decisive against Harlow, moved up to seventh in the 12-team division, which will see at least one side relegated at the end of the season.

Harlow's next league game is against Enfield Ignatians on January 10 and skipper Paul Eynon said: "We will take a long hard look over the next two weeks at what we need to

Harlow were missing forwards Darran Hawkins (ill), Lee Covington (shoulder injury) and Hans Barnard (knee injury) while full back Sean Banks was unavailable. This meant a call-up for lock Kerry Palmer and first team debuts for full back Aled Hills and flanker Jack Elston.

Walden, with the wind in their

favour, went ahead after seven minutes when Tom Hughes set up Paul Marshall for an unconverted try.

The hosts extended their advantage

to a 12-0 lead on 16 minutes. Adam Miles scored a try wide out and Hughes kicked a good conversion.



CAUGHT: Andrew Wisbey is held by Harlow forwards (photo: JDJ9CFCJ/03)

Shortly after, Hughes kicked a penalty. The visitors reduced the deficit with a 45th minute James McFerran penalty but Walden increased their lead on 52 minutes when Andrew Lancaster powered his way through to touchdown.

Hughes kicked the conversion and the visitors rounded off the scoring on

75 minutes. Home replacement lock Gordon Leonard scored a try in the corner and Hughes kicked the conver-

HARLOW: Hills, Woodington (C Webb 50), Vanbeck, Powell, Grimley, McFerran, Harron, T Webb, Wilkins, Prindiville (Branch 55), Twiner, Palmer (Bowering 50), Roberts, Eynon, Elston.

